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Public Response Re Abscam
Dear President Ronald Reagan:

I have yesterday's
Paterson News in front of me,
and, Mr. President, I just
cannot contain myself any
longer. I just have to
express my views on the
Abscam situation.

I can understand
testing an official in
Government's loyalty
in regard to his responsi-
bility concerning his high-

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office, as Congressman, etc.

Many employers, who wish to give an employee a greater responsibility, test them in some way, to see if they have the moral character to be able to handle such a responsibility.

Even our God, who can read our minds, and knows our actions, and our next words, puts His creatures to a test.

"If you are faithful in little things, I will place you in charge of greater things."

Thus, I understand

Mr. President, but where does the jail sentences come in, as for, Frank Thompson, John Murphy, Raymond Lederer, Michael Myers, Angelo Ersichette.

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How can a person be convicted on a supposition. There were no real Arabs involved, and the money used, no one was going to receive, no matter what their views were. There was ~~nothing factual~~ about this case. To my way of thinking, Mr. President, the most these men should have received would be a dismissal from their Government position for their probable disloyalty.

This Abscam affair has been mulling over in my thoughts ever since it started. Mr. President,

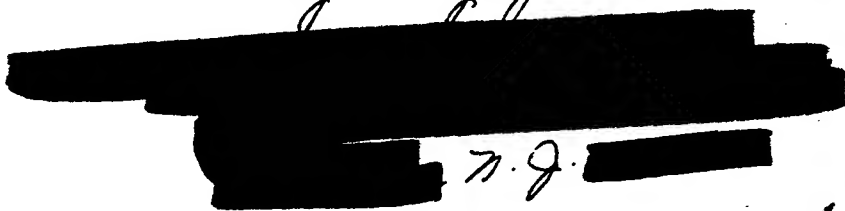

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I know this did not occur during your administration, but I would like to have the outcome explained to me, I hear correction.

I hope and pray you and Mrs. Reagan are enjoying your vacation.

God bless you and your labors in His behalf, always. Our Lady love you, St. Joseph keep you in his tender care.

Very truly yours,

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P.S. Received a complete detailed account concerning Isabel Storie.

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Director, FBI
Washington DC
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Public Reaction Re AbSCAM

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It's now that counts. Let's get him out of the Senate.

The Albuquerque Journal, August 25, 1981

Abscam-snared senator vows to fight expulsion

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Harrison Williams Jr., D-N.J., snared in the government's Abscam investigation, vows to fight a committee recommendation that he be the first senator since the Civil War to be expelled.

"I certainly feel in my heart and I know in my heart I have not done anything that warrants resignation or expulsion," Williams said Monday after the Senate Select Committee on Ethics unanimously recommended his expulsion.

Harrison, 61, a member of the Senate for 23 years, was dejected by the vote, but heartened by the panel's call to delay a vote by the full Senate pending completion of his trial appeal.

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operation that led to his conviction he said: "This is an extraordinary business this government is engaged in. The manufacturing of a situation to create a crime aimed at someone who's

never committed a crime that's wrong."

The last person expelled from the Senate was Democrat Benjamin Stark of Oregon in 1862 on grounds of disloyalty.

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Oust Sen. Williams forthwith

The Senate Ethics Committee has found Sen. Harrison Williams guilty of "ethically repugnant" conduct, but it also has displayed its own repugnance of expelling a member.

Significantly, none of the six members of the committee found anything redeeming in Williams's conduct during the FBI's ABSCAM

investigation, and they voted unanimously to recommend his expulsion.

But then the committee recommended that the Senate delay voting on expulsion until after a federal judge rules on the New Jersey Democrat's motion to overturn his conviction on nine counts of bribery, conspiracy and other charges.

Why wait? If Williams gets out of the conviction on grounds that he was "entrapped" by the FBI, will the Ethics Committee then change its view that the senator's conduct was ethically repugnant?

Not likely. The Ethics Committee is not a court of law. Its function is to determine whether a member's conduct violates conflict-of-interest rules and reflects adversely on the Senate, and whether the member is fit to continue holding an office of public trust.

The committee has determined that Williams is not fit. In suggesting that the vote be put off, the committee seems to be hoping that the judge will deny Williams's appeal, and that the senator will then resign, thereby saving the membership from the distasteful task of expelling him.

Williams's usefulness in the Senate has ended, regardless of what happens to his appeal. He should resign. Since he won't, the Senate ought to oust him forthwith.

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September 11, 1981

Ronald Reagan
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Ronald Reagan
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Reagan:

Public Response Re Abscam

When the recent episode occurred when the Superintendant of Police arrested the F.B.I. "Sting man", I thought that it was quite amusing and "serve the F.B.I. right". Since then, however, I have had the opportunity to sit back and reflect on the ethics on what the Federal Bureau Of Investigation has done and I feel that this is basically wrong. That is to say, the entire "sting" or "Abscam" is morally wrong and therefore not justifiable.

I am certain that it is a very fine point in law that we are dealing with in the case of the Bridgeport Police Superintendant and as to whether or not he was actually being bribed. We harken back only a few years to President Nixon and his administration where they would bend only more than a few laws in attempting to "protect the national defense". With this, as we all recollect, they justified wire taps, break-ins, etc. etc.

My premise is that in almost anyone the possibility of being set up for a "scam" is ever present and as with many of these people I get the feeling all the time that the flesh is weak, although the spirit may be quite strong. I consider myself to be a decent, honest and law abiding tax paying citizen, but I must admit that if someone came up to me and waved \$50,000 under my nose, if I would vote a certain way on a certain bill being presented in Congress that I would be similiary tempted to take it. The difference between a "scam operation" and entrapment are very fine and certainly my mind is not complex enough to separate these out.

I think the F.B.I. and other governmental agencies that are involved in these operations be give new directives and new motivation. Certainly the vast and lucrative drug trade that we have flying our borders, wrecking our youth and laying waste to tens of thousands of minds and bodies is vastly more important than proving that several senators and representatives are after all, flesh and blood.

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Ronald Reagan

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The number of bank robberies and theft from state shipments, out and out fraud in the banking community, etc. are far more important than the paltry sums being dealt with in these procedures.

I think you, as the Commander in Chief and as the President of this great nation can lend new direction to the F.B.I. and stop this shameful display of the F.B.I.

Sincerely yours,



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Public Response Re Abscam
December 11, 1981

Dear Mr. Webster:

Occasionally a poll is published showing how the American public rates various occupations, attorneys, plumbers, clergy, physicians, etc.

In other words a 'Confidence Level' scale.

How do you suppose the public would rate your "garbage collectors?"

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ABSCAM files are a font of false, sordid stories

WASHINGTON — Apparently no one in Washington is safe from the vicious accusations that keep seeping out of the FBI's raw files. The subterranean traffic in tittle-tattle, most of it as false as it is scurrilous, has besmirched some of Washington's biggest reputations.

The victims include such dignitaries as Secretary of State Alexander Haig, Speaker Tip O'Neill, Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., ex-Sen. Jacob Javits, R-N.Y., Sen. Pat Moynihan, D-N.Y., Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., and House Judiciary Chairman Peter Rodino, D-N.J., to name a few.

Most of the ugly, unfounded accusations can be traced to the infamous ABSCAM tapes, which were kept by undercover agents who tried to coax members of Congress into committing crimes. The tapes contain hundreds of hours of sordid dialogue, implicating prominent politicians in shabby conspiracies. But at the end of the ABSCAM investigation, after the exhilaration of the publicity and the trials was over, came the ruination of several lives, including those of innocent people.

"Washington can be a cruel city," a subdued Alexander Haig told me after reading an FBI transcript about himself. The transcript, reviewed by my associate Indy Badhwar, contains salacious statements that have been investigated and have been found untrue, the FBI informed the State Department. Still the document has been passed around the backrooms of Washington like a forbidden copy of a pornographic manuscript.

Haig's accuser was Alfred Carpentier, an East Meadow, N.Y., businessman, who has been sentenced to four years in prison in connection with the ABSCAM operation. While the secret FBI tapes picked up every word, he told of an alleged argument with Haig over a Haig acquaintance — a man with underworld connections who was also an alleged homosexual.



Jack Anderson

Although the ABSCAM operatives agreed that Carpentier had a loose and vicious tongue, they not only leaked his foulmouthings about Haig but offered for the public record his tape-recorded accusations against Sen. D'Amato. Carpentier told FBI undercover agents that he had been paying off politicians. "No big numbers," he said, "Five to ten grand ... D'Amato may look to shake you down for a little more. The guy is definitely taking contributions. He's on the take."

The judge hastened to emphasize that there was "absolutely no proof" of any wrongdoing by the maligned senator.

Still another transcript describes an elaborate plot to funnel money "to 10 or 12 congressmen" through a Republican campaign committee. This was proposed by William Rosenberg, a shady politico, who promised that "when a favor is needed, at that time a congressman would assist."

In the tapes, Rodino is portrayed as "controlled by the New Jersey mob" and "backed by them" financially. Several other distinguished members of Congress, including Sen. Pat Moynihan, Sen. Russell Long, D-La., and House Democratic leader Jim Wright, D-Texas, are characterized as candidates for corruption.

All these unsubstantiated charges are being blown around the country by an ill wind called ABSCAM.

Footnote: The FBI refused to comment on the scandal-mongering on the grounds that the ABSCAM cases are still under investigation. Carpentier's lawyer, James Pascarella, said his client had never been interviewed by the FBI about Haig.

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Mr. Roger S. Young
Assistant Director, FBI
Washington DC 20535

Dear Roger:

I'm retired SA, and have written to you
before.

I subscribe to "Spotlight," an unusual
paper which might be described as "far rightish."

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I was about to discard part of this paper when
I noted an article about an interesting person and his
publication. I can't locate preceding page.

I don't know if you're familiar with
this paper, or if this article may be of interest to
any one in the building. Possibly.

Sincerely,



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Past Gets Surprise

ism), and Sandy Williams would always bring along one of his "models" during a night on the town. While the "model" was ostensibly Sandy Williams's date, she would inevitably end up with the senator.

Williams was a loud champion of Sandy Williams's often bizarre and rarely fruitful business schemes and the senator thought nothing of soliciting investors in these ventures among his friends and associates. Williams, who was granted immunity by the federal prosecutors in return for his testimony against the senator, was described by the New York "Times" as having had close contacts over the years with "persons reputedly connected with the underworld."

● One such individual with alleged mob connections with whom both Sen. Williams and Sandy Williams had contact was a New Jersey used car dealer named "Tony" who was described by our source as "a very fat, loud-talking individual who made a point of never revealing his last name." Sen. Williams, at one point some years ago, was helping Tony find buyers for a string of four New Jersey personal finance companies that he owned. Our source revealed: "I looked into those companies with an eye toward possibly purchasing them. They smacked of being organized covers for loan sharking."

● And a fourth factor that again foreshadowed the senator's recent troubles was his involvement with Sandy Williams in a deal that resulted in the sale of Paradise Island to the mob-connected Resorts International gambling corporation. When The SPOTLIGHT contacted Williams's office over a year ago for comment on this transaction, an aide would say only that there would be "no comment" on the deal that saw Williams's friend Huntington Hartford sell the tropical island to Resorts International, which quickly turned it into an off-shore gambling haven.

These incidents are only a few of the more blatant ways in which "Pete" Williams wheeled and dealt his way from his self-styled role as the "poor man's senator," to a powerful committee chairman who not long ago was able to come up with \$372,000 in cash to purchase a new home in Georgetown. The



Jack Anderson,
Publisher

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A full page ad in Jack Anderson's now defunct magazine, the erstwhile publisher, left, with his then chief invest

luxurious and smartly decorated residence was added to other properties that included a luxury condominium in the Caribbean and properties in southwest Washington that had been acquired by Mrs. Williams prior to her marriage to the senator.

CHOKING BACK EMOTION

Despite the long and inglorious history, columnist Anderson has gone to great lengths to make Pete Williams into the number one victim of Abscam. Column after column has concentrated on the raw deal handed to New Jersey's senior senator by the vicious and vindictive feds out to get a liberal Kennedy Democrat. This is an argument that is true in the case of the six congressmen—whom Anderson defends only in

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Anderson Continues

An interesting sidelight to the current efforts by columnist Jack Anderson to forestall, or at least influence favorably, the upcoming vote on the expulsion of Sen. Harrison Williams (D-N.J.) came to light just before press time.

The SPOTLIGHT exclusively learned that there is a current battle raging among the stockholders of the now defunct "Investigator" magazine; whose demise was preceded by and perhaps even brought on by its virulent attack on Liberty Lobby.

During a court hearing on an action brought by "Investigator" stockholder Jay I. Armes to "reinstall the publication of a similarly named magazine by

Anderson while he remains a stockholder in the old "Investigator," it was ascertained that an "anonymous friend" of Anderson had to put up \$50,000 to publish and circulate the first issue of the "new" magazine.

When pressed by Armes's attorney, the former chief executive officer of the "Investigator," Bill Adkins, was compelled to bring into court a copy of the new publication which is due out on or about December 8. Strangely, the magazine devotes a substantial portion of its content to a story called "Diary of an Abscam Wife," which is a description of the trials and tribulations of the current Mrs. Williams and the senator.

The pictures and content of the article

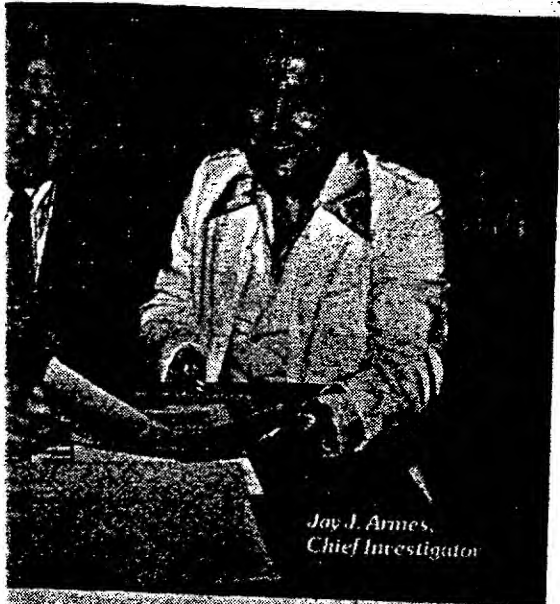
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Jay J. Armes,
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Welcome To The Real World of INVESTIGATOR

Anderson's now defunct magazine, the "Investigator," pictures left, with his then chief investigator, Jay J. Armes.

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Perhaps the most maudlin and bizarre
example of Anderson's seeming obses-
sion with Williams's alleged innocence
was a July 13 column that veered sharply
from Anderson's usual muckraking tone
into a blatant effort to elicit public sym-
pathy for the senator.

Written after Williams's conviction in
federal court, the article dealt with the
then-upcoming hearing by the Senate
Ethics Committee. It describes how his
colleagues refused to postpone the hear-
ing to give Williams more time to pre-
pare and how they denied his request
that former Sen. Robert Morgan
(D-N.C.) be allowed to serve as his at-
torney for the proceeding.

A particularly maudlin section read as
follows:

"A secretary came in and handed Wil-
liams a sealed envelope. The senator's
hands trembled as he opened it. He
stared at the letter and his face dropped.
His eyes moved across the page again
and again.

"Then in a low voice, choking back
his emotion, Williams said: 'They won't
postpone (the hearing).'"

The article went on to depict Williams
as a beleaguered man who was now en-
meshed in a variety of legal maneuvers
and who not only got a raw deal from
the feds but was now getting a raw deal
from his Senate colleagues. It went on to
note that the Ethics Committee had
vetoed his choice of ex-Sen. Morgan as
counsel, because Morgan had served on
the committee through 1980 and had
been privy to some discussions of the
Williams case.

It also noted that Williams wanted to
make the hearing "the most profound
examination" of Abscam to date. And it
carries Williams's charge that the jury at
his criminal trial had been denied impor-
tant evidence that he wanted brought
out in committee.

Despite this sympathy-invoking PR
ploy on behalf of Harrison Williams, his
colleagues ultimately voted 5-0 for his
expulsion, a matter that will be taken up
by the full Senate some time in January.

Why Jack Anderson is so committed
to centering his attack on Abscam
around the plight of Harrison Williams
presents an intriguing question.

Thus millions of Anderson's readers
are left to ponder the question of why a
man who evidenced a long history of in-
volvement in spurious transactions, al-
lowed his wife to become tied to a New
Jersey gambling casino venture while she
was employed by the committee he
chaired, and accumulated almost
\$400,000 in cash for the purchase of a
Georgetown residence should be depict-
ed as an innocent pawn caught up in a
White House-inspired political vendetta.

While the trap sprung on the six
House members appears, in fact, to have
been politically motivated, the probe of
Harrison Williams was long overdue.
Why Jack Anderson won't recognize
that fact is a question that should be
answered.

Continues Williams Defense

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are such as to depict Williams and his
wife as the ultimate innocents. They
have even gone so far as to include a pic-
ture of the couple sitting on a tree
stump, much like two children in love,
holding hands.

Attorneys for Armes pressed the ques-
tion of the source of the \$50,000.
Adkins, according to our source, then
said that it was a loan from someone
who wished to remain anonymous.

Concurrently the opening of the de-
bate on the expulsion of Sen. Williams
has been postponed from December 3 to
some time in January.

Thus, the first issue of Anderson's
new magazine will have ample time to be
produced rationally with its outlandish

defense of the wealthy senator and its
hypocritical attempt to portray him as a
victim and his wife as a persecuted inno-
cent bystander. Strange actions indeed
for Anderson, who allegedly ran up un-
paid bills totaling almost \$300,000 dur-
ing his stewardship of the "Investi-
gator" and who claims that there are no
funds available to pay off the debt that
the magazine incurred after he wrested
its control from Armes.

The SPOTLIGHT wonders, in light
of Anderson's ongoing defense of Sen.
Williams and the special publication of a
new magazine whose primary thrust re-
portedly is a defense of Williams, where
the funds come from to finance this latest
effort on behalf of the senator.

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Honorable Ronald Reagan
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear Mr. President,

While I was glancing through the newspaper last night, this certain article caught my attention. It was concerning the ABSCAM trials. The FBI lead two innocent men and one legitimate business to believe that there was a firm from the Mid-East which wanted their services. The FBI lied and offered bribes to keep these men from finding out that there was no such company so as not to blow their cover. This resulted in a great loss of money and business.

I'm happy to see the corrupt congressmen convicted and out of office, but not at the expense of others. I think the government was overstepping its bounds and should apologize to this company and let others know that their credit is good. This kind of thing should never have happened. I think more discretion should be used before attempting something like this.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Ronald Reagan
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Washington, D.C. 20500

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

December 11, 1981

Honorable William H. Webster
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Webster:

In yesterday's Washington Post, columnist Jack Anderson reported that in 1979, as part of the Abscam operation, FBI agents engaged in undercover activities which resulted in the financial ruin of a legitimate company, Intersea Fisheries, and huge financial losses to two innocent businessmen, Richard Stanczyk and Kai Gulve.

If this report is true, it raises grave questions regarding the ethics as well as the legality of the FBI techniques used in the Abscam investigation. As they are reported in this article, such fraudulent FBI methods appear to be, at the least, a violation of FBI procedure, if not illegal. Because our laws are designed to protect the innocent as well as catch the guilty, the FBI should use undercover techniques only with the greatest discretion and care, and certainly not in the sort of capricious, victimizing and possibly illegal manner which this article suggests.

I am enclosing a copy of the Anderson column. I would appreciate your comments on whether the incident as reported actually occurred, and if so, why such FBI tactics were deemed appropriate or necessary and why they were not considered violative of either the law or FBI procedure. I would also like to know whether anything has been done to compensate any such innocent victims of the Abscam operation and whether current Bureau policy would allow the victimization of innocent persons in the manner described in the article.

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Sincerely,

John F. Seiberling
JOHN F. SEIBERLING
Member of Congress
(Ohio)

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cc: Honorable Peter Rodino
Honorable Don Edwards
Attorney General William French Smith

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JACK ANDERSON

Abscam Trap Also Snared Honest Men

During the Abscam operation, members of Congress were conned by the FBI into taking bribes and engaging in corrupt business deals. That much has been made clear.

What has escaped public attention, however, is the fact that legitimate businessmen were also conned by the FBI's operatives. What's worse, these honest businessmen were victimized for personal profit by the con artists who were enlisted by the FBI to entrap congressmen.

Here's the story of just one company, Intersea Fisheries, which was put out of business by Abscam. The FBI recklessly ruined this perfectly legitimate business enterprise to protect its phony Abscam cover.

The California-based firm numbered among its directors the respected shipbuilder Don Vaughn and Jean Michel Cousteau, son of the prestigious undersea explorer Jacques Cousteau.

Intersea Fisheries was suckered into the Abscam trap by the FBI's con men—and was given no help at all when it asked the FBI for information that might have extricated it from the trap.

The FBI preferred to let Intersea Fisheries go down the drain, rather than stop its hirelings from working their private scam on the company.

From interviews and a sworn deposition, my associate Indy Badhwar has pieced together the con game devised by an FBI lackey named Joseph Meltzer. In February, 1979, Denver accountant Richard Stanczyk was retained by a client to check out Intersea as an investment opportunity. Stanczyk, a former Internal Revenue Service investigator, was to be ruined by the FBI's game.

He gave Intersea high marks, largely on the basis that an outfit called Abdul Enterprises was going to finance the company's venture to build three tuna boats. Unknown to Stanczyk, Abdul Enterprises was the FBI's phony Abscam corporation. It wasn't about to provide financing.

Stanczyk signed on as a consultant to Intersea; his job was to bring investors into the project until the Arab money from Abdul Enterprises materialized. There was, of course, no such money. But Meltzer, the FBI's pet con man, received thousands of dollars in commissions.

As part of its scheme to lend legitimacy to Abdul Enterprises, the FBI had arranged for a vice president of Chase Manhattan to lie about the spurious Arab company's assets. When Intersea called Chase Manhattan, the inquiring official was assured that the money was there.

Another legitimate broker, Kai Gulve, was roped in on the project. Reassured by meetings with the FBI's Arab "sheiks," Gulve spent \$50,000 of his own money traveling in this country and in Europe promoting the Intersea deal. Stanczyk and Gulve grew suspicious about Meltzer and his "Arabs" after months of runaround. They relayed their doubts to the FBI's San Diego office. But the FBI did nothing to warn Intersea to back off from any dealings with Abdul Enterprises. Instead, complaints were referred to Meltzer, the FBI con man.

On Halloween, 1979, FBI agents swooped down on Intersea's headquarters and carted off 27 cartons of files. Apparently, this was another protective measure to keep the businessmen's suspicions about Abdul Enterprises from leaking out.

But an agent answered the company's telephone, telling callers that the firm's employees were under arrest. Foreign business interests, including Matsui Corp. of Japan, were scared away by statements that Intersea was under FBI investigation.

No Intersea official was arrested nor charged with a crime, for the simple reason that they had done nothing except rely on FBI lies.

Accountant Stanczyk lost more than \$200,000, his business, his clients and his marriage. He contemplated suicide. The other consultant, Gulve, also lost his business, and some \$900,000 in commissions.

Senators Keep F.B.I. Conduct in Mind

By STEVEN V. ROBERTS

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, March 4 — As the Senate decides whether to expel Senator Harrison A. Williams Jr., a second issue runs through the debate: the conduct of the F.B.I. in organizing its Abscam operation.

News Analysis

Accordingly, the Senate now seems likely to adopt a proposal, sponsored by Senators Alan Cranston, Democrat of California, and Ted Stevens, Republican of Alaska. They want to establish an investigation of F.B.I. methods and recommend "what protections may be necessary to preserve the independence and integrity of Congress," as Senator Cranston put it. Some lawmakers say the case could lead Congress to enact a charter for the bureau.

"The Williams case is secondary to the more important Constitutional issue," asserted Senator Orrin G. Hatch, Republican of Utah and chairman of the Constitution subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee. "Can the executive branch, over a prolonged period, continue to entice an otherwise honest person, until his honesty breaks down?"

Charges Against Williams

Senator Dennis DeConcini of Arizona, the ranking Democrat on the subcommittee, added: "Whatever happens to Pete Williams, all of this will very likely force the need for a charter and oversight of the F.B.I. It's long overdue — too long."

Senator Williams, a New Jersey Democrat, was charged with accepting a hidden interest in a titanium mine, in exchange for using his influence to obtain contracts for the mine. The whole deal was set up by the F.B.I. as part of its Abscam operation, and Mr. Williams

was convicted on nine felony charges growing out of the investigation. The Senate Ethics Committee has recommended his expulsion, and the Senate is debating that motion.

Senator Williams and his allies are trying to put the F.B.I. on trial in the Senate, and use the outrage against the bureau to bolster his case. At a news conference today, Mr. Williams emphasized the allegation that "for the first time, the separation of powers of the national Government has been broken in this fashion."

Inouye Joins Attack on F.B.I.

Last night Senator Daniel K. Inouye, the Hawaii Democrat who is defending Mr. Williams on the floor, also attacked the bureau's conduct in the case.

"Even with the finest organizations, there are cases that go awry," he said. "The Army had its My Lai; the White House had its Watergate, and the F.B.I. has its Abscam."

Senator Inouye told his colleagues that each one of them was egotistical and self-important, and vulnerable to the kind of enticements used in the Williams case.

"What will also be shown," the Hawaiian said, "is that there is a willingness to deliberately set up completely innocent and honorable people. So I say that I think it could happen to any one of us."

Sees 'Tainting' From Expulsion

If Mr. Williams is expelled, Mr. Inouye asserted, the "Senate itself will be tainted" by appearing to ratify the "highly questionable and perhaps illegal activities of the F.B.I. agents and their con man assistant."

Senate leaders have insisted, however, that the examination of the F.B.I. should be separated from the Williams case, and most lawmakers seem to be

accepting that advice. In short, they are saying that the bait might have been dangled in front of Mr. Williams in an unfortunate way, but we are only judging his ethical reaction to the bait, not how it got there.

But when the Williams case is over, the Senate seems determined to explore the questions raised by the F.B.I.'s actions. And the first issue is whether any basic, individual rights were violated by the operation.

As Senator George J. Mitchell, a Maine Democrat and former Federal judge phrased it, "Where is the line between the apprehension of a criminal and the fostering of criminal activity for the purpose of conviction?"

Hatch Calls Case a Landmark

Senator Hatch noted that the Williams case was being appealed, and expressed the hope that the conviction would be overturned on the due-process ground. "This is an important landmark case in criminal law," he said.

The second issue is whether the F.B.I. violated the rights of the Senate, and the separation of powers, by focusing its operation on members of Congress.

"I think the separation of powers is enormously important," said Senator Arlen Specter, a Pennsylvania Republican and former District Attorney. "To have any possibility of a chilling effect on the independence of the Senate is absolutely appalling."

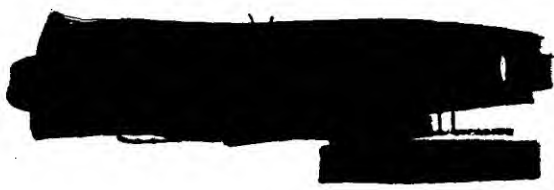
Mr. Specter suggested that such a "chilling effect" might have already begun. And last night, Senator Inouye said that more than half the Senate had been frightened enough to check their telephones for wiretaps.

"Our role is supervisory over the whole government, including the F.B.I.," Senator Specter said. "If we don't have our independence, we don't have anything."

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Senator Daniel Inouye
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Senator Inouye:

Well you're still at it. Always with the mouth, Carried away with your inflated appraisal of your esteemed position. Maybe you'll become unesteemed if your constituents grow a brain and put you out to work for a living.

You pass judgement that no judgement should be passed against Harrison Williams, the chiseling Senator that got caught. You're very benevolent. Inouye speaks-nation listens with bowed heads. You and your buddies in the Senate are actually liable to let him off, and back to business as usual. All Mr. Cleans again, just don't get caught again and make us all look like what we are.

What's your beef against the FBI? You don't like the way they do things. Would you like to put clamps on them so they play the game with your set of rules? This FBI that you're rapping, if they caught one of their own with his hand in the till they would amputate to the shoulder. If it wasn't for that outfit we Americans would have been up shit creek long before you attained snot-hood. Don't rock the FBI boat as you're fucking with an organization that is pure patriotism. And they work for their money, which may be regarded by you and your buddies as peculiar behavior. We get the very best return on our investment in that outfit, and for the most part they are too busy to spend time and figure angles to hustle raises for themselves like other segments of the government I could mention. You say you think it could happen to any of you Senators. Are you all

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susceptible thieves, given the right price? What do you do with the esteemed Senator Harrison Williams. Do you paralyze him and restore him to a position of trust along with the rest of you Mr. Cleans? The FBI is the real culprit. The despicable FBI conned him into it like the despicable whore who pulled up her dress in the alley for the minister and she corrupted him by creating a trap, and goaded and cajoled him with her bare ass. In case you have lost touch with public reaction you should be aware of the fact that most of us consider a lot of you are connivers and we would be much safer in trusting the FBI - in anything they ever do and any way they ever do it.

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cc: FBI, Wash. D.C.

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March 11, 1989

Dear Mr B d - Director

William H. Webster,

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Public Rep
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and I want you to know Mr B d - Director that the Mr B d and the Justice Department did a great job handling the alaskan investigation corruption in United States Government bringing them to justice for what they did in our great Government. again Mr B d, did what they had to do to bring corruption out in the

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in ^{all} their great work. and God
bless our great Country United
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it stands for. Sincerely yours

mar. 12, 1982

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Dear Mr. Webster,

I am surprised at the FBI!
I would think that you'd have enough
to do catching murders, kidnapers,
terrorists and other dangerous people.
What's the big idea of picking on an
exploited minority like the Senate? If
you offered the amount of money you
did to Senator Harrison Williams to
anybody, they too would be tempted. Personally
I am terribly disgusted with the FBI and
the lack of priorities in your department.
Whoever's bright idea it was to bribe
senate members and video tape it should
have their head removed.

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RE ABSCAM

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Senator William B Bradley
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Senator Bradley:

Public Release re: Abscam

Re: trial of Senator Harrison Williams in the Abscam affair.

First, I trust the Senate will consider facts in the case and not whether Senator Williams is a Democrat or a Republican. I believe in fair play.

Facts are:

1. As a Senator, Williams has been in Washington for over twenty years and knows right from wrong.
2. Noone held a gun to his head to make him act as he did.
3. He desperately wanted a huge amount of money for his mining venture. Who had more money than a foreign country loaded with oil?
4. He had any number of occasions to say No but passed it by.
5. The Senator claims he did nothing wrong. How could Williams be on trial yet lie like a rug even though caught red handed on a hidden camera? He really made a fool of both himself and his wife during his trial.
6. He didn't offer to take a lie detector test. This to me helped prove him guilty.
7. Senator Williams charged the FBI tried to coerce and entice him into criminal activity. The FBI was merely testing the honesty and integrity of a Senator representing a few million honest N.J. citizen. The Senator failed the test. An open and shut case.
8. I am a few million other N.J. residents have no need for the likes of Williams to represent them in Washington.
9. I feel the Senate should strip Williams of all his pension.
10. We must keep all members of Congress Clean even if we must have twenty Abscam trials a year.

In closing, my feelings are we also need Abscam trials on a State level and the FBI should maintain a list of Senators not voting for the expulsion of Senator Williams as they are possible candidates for future investigations.

Sincerely,

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Copies to:
Representative Millicent Fenwick
Washington, D.C.

Governor Thomas Kean
Trenton, N.J.

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Washington, D.C.

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As an attorney with many years
experience in criminal law, so far as
I can see, there was nothing wrong
in your ABSCAM investigation. Please
keep up the good work & get more
crooks out of the Congress

Director FBI

Asst Dir Justice Bldg
Wash, D.C.

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Dear Mr Webster,

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With all of this foolish talk in the U.S. Senate and elsewhere about the activities of the FBI, I want you to know how much I appreciate what you did in the Abscam investigations. Entrapment it was not.

I realize what you were up against in bringing these charges against Congressmen. Thank God that you went through with it. I hope you will not be scared off by the flack.

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Thank you for taking the job as Director. Know that the hope and prayers of many are with you.

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Sincerely,
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The Director Federal Bureau Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Re: Abscam Trial.

Dear Sir: Public Response re Abscam

On behalf of the non politicians again
let me thank you for a job well done in the
apprehension and trial of the infamous
Senator from New Jersey.

As far as the supporters of this criminal
and his cronies are concerned; I say because

We the public want more not less of
this type of activity to promote integrity
among the representatives who feel their
position is so secure that anything
is permissible

Please count me as one of your
strong supporters in continuing this kind
of activity.

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Yours truly

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March 25, 1982

William H. Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Constitution Ave. & 10th St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

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Dear Mr. Webster:

First, I wish to offer our support for the Bureau's position on ABSCAM that many are very critical. We certainly feel there was no entrapment involved. Greed is the culprit and greed is what convicted our very pious Congressmen.

My son was so impressed with the handling of ABSCAM by the Bureau, he has expressed interest in one day seeking employment there. Could you advise us of the current requirements, the salary situation, etc.

Thank you, in advance, for an early reply and a heartfelt thanks for your continued fine service to the people of this country.

Very truly yours,

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The Honorable William Webster
Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation
F. B. I. Headquarters
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir: Public Response re ALSON

I understand that the F. B. I. is under fire again on account of "abscopi". Such operations can be made to sound strange and unfair to the uninitiated, but I'm sure that the F. B. I. would not have set such traps for persons they had no reason to suspect.

News articles that try to weaken respect for the F. B. I., either "old" or "new" do a disservice to the U. S. A. We need a strong line of defense at home where corruption, subversion, terrorism, crime and drugs pose a greater danger to the country than does the military might of potential enemies.

The article I read in the New York Times of March 14, 1982 mentions the bureau's new responsibility over narcotics investigations. Questioning of this is said to come from inside the

bureau itself, on the grounds that this problem may overwhelm its resources. This work is very important, however. Please do not give up on drug investigation, and be sure to extend your inquiries to State Mental Hospitals and all types of Nursing and Adult Homes, where I am sure there is over-dependence on administration of drugs. I have experienced ^{seeing} the effect on people of being confined to such places.

My friend [redacted] brought his brother [redacted] to visit me several times, while he was a patient in Rockland State Hospital. Later I saw him in the State Rehabilitation Center after his leg was amputated. Even after going through such a traumatic experience, he seemed to me just like his old self, there. I knew him well when he was a boy and young man and was the friend and constant companion of my two younger brothers and spent a lot of time in our home. In the Rehabilitation Center he was not drugged and was treated with respect by the other patients and nurses. After that I went with his sister to visit him in High Tor Manor where all the

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animation and confidence was gone; lack of food was a factor there, too.

In respect to Nursing Homes, I visited my mother in a Nursing Home in the Bronx when she was over ninety and was a patient there. I continued my visits after her death, to see her roommate, so my visits continued for about five years. I often saw patients who had, admittedly, been heavily drugged and made helpless. I think most such Homes do the same thing so haven't mentioned the name.

Respectfully, a concerned citizen.

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The Reverend Thomas H. Hillery, Pastor

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Sen Dave Durenberger
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Dave,
My typewriter is on the blink.
I believe that Harrison Williams got just what
he deserved. The more he blebs the less I trust him.
Now, our much maligned and sadly curtailed FBI,
will be subjected to a terrible negative pressure.
I am very proud of our FBI and their work, under
adverse conditions.

Therefore, I respectfully urge that you stand up
for the FBI and defend them from the inevitable
storm that is brewing. The loudest noise will
come from those who have a reason to fear the FBI.

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Very best regards,

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I am most proud that there was NO reason to test either
of our Minnesota Senators in such a manner

March 12, 1982

Senator Rudy Boschwitz

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Washington, D C

Dear Rudy

Public Response Re ABSCAM

I feel that you may appreciate another opinion on the ABSCAM affair now affecting the entire Senate.

To make a long story short, I will say that I am very proud of our FBI that they do so much to keep our country strong.

I feel that Harrison Williams got just what he deserved and the more he blabs about it, the less I trust him.

In view of the above, I am sure that our much maligned and sadly curtailed FBI will be subject to much negative pressure as a result of their fine work in eliminating such weak minded persons as Williams from government service.

I urge that you defend them from the inevitable storm coming.

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Very best regards,

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P.S. It surely is galling that there was no reason to test our Minnesota men this way.

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Director
FBI
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am disgusted with the actions of certain US Senators who are criticizing the FBI because "one" of their members "suffered" as a result of the so-called ABSCAM investigation.

If they are not honest and ethical, they certainly do not belong in the US Senate or any other governmental body.

If they cannot resist temptation, they should pay the piper just like everybody else.

Keep after the rascals - harder!!

I sincerely hope that you will not be intimidated by this Senate investigation. I also hope that you will use it as a way to remind government officials that their employees, the voters, expect them to be honest. I, for one, am tired of people in high office thinking they can break or bend laws and get away with it!

Sincerely,
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Senator Alan Cranston
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Washington, D.C. 20500

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Mr. Cranston, we are life-long Democrats. We always voted for you, but we believe:

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1. That Senator Harrison William should have been expelled - we are Democrats but not willing to go along with anyone dishonest.
 2. That we want more ABSCAM, not less
 3. That he should not receive a \$45,000.00 a year pension

Our reasons:

No HONEST man would ever take a bribe, under any circumstance or situation. NEVER!

A crook caught by any method makes that method justified. A Crook is a crook, is a crook!

The Congressional threat to the FBI today proves possible Congressional guilt in many quarters.

Please tell us what you would have done under the same circumstances Senator Harrison was in? We begin to wonder! How could you ever expect us to vote for you again?? We, as individuals, are not afraid of investigation.

Remember the policeman hiding behind the billboard to catch speeders? We always said, "If we are driving faster than legal limits we should be caught."

We expect to hear from you!!!!

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William H. Webster
Director of the F.B.I.

Dear Sir;

Enclosed is a carbon copy of a letter I sent to Senator Alan Cranston. I am disgusted to think anyone, especially two senators, would try to charge entrapment by the F.B.I. when their friendly crook was caught red handed with his hand in the cookie jar.

I think your agents did a remarkable job and should be commended not vilified by the likes of Cranston and Inouye.

Yours truly,


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Senator Alan Cranston

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Dear Sirs

I followed the Abscam scandal with great interest and I fail to see how you and Senator Inouye can defend some one as guilty as ex-senator Williams. I don't believe you can entrap an honest man any more than you can cheat an honest man. Both of these operations require a certain amount of larceny in the intended victim. Harrison Williams filled the bill to perfection.

Reps. Thompson, Murphy, Kelly, Lederer and Senator Williams all found guilty by the courts, do you think these crooks would have been caught by any means other than Abscam? In my book you are either honest or dishonest there is no in between. It's like jumping off a bridge, either you do or you don't. You can't change your mind half way down.

For you and Senator Inouye to defend Williams and attempt to charge the F.B.I. with low blows, is in my eyes, sheer jackassery and the both of you know it. Was the F.B.I. supposed to read these crooks their rights and also inform them that they were being taped? Abscam would have been a complete failure. You fearing this catching of the crooks would lead the F.B.I. to entrap private citizens is pure hog wash. The F.B.I. can bug my apartment, tap my phone and open my mail, I have nothing to hide nor does 90% of the public. I can understand why the crooks object.

My respect for the senate never was very high but it hit a new low when I read, "Williams and his wife received rousing applause as they entered the rotunda of a senate office building." Those applauding were probably as guilty as Williams the only difference being he was caught and they weren't. The old adage, "Birds of a feather flock together" still seems to hold true.

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C. 205--

Dear Sir:

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I am writing the following letter today to our Kentucky U.S. senators,
Wendell Ford and Walter "Dee" Huddleston:

"Dear Senator:

I would like to express my appreciation to you for the wire service report of your intended vote on the issue of expelling a U.S. Senator and also to express my appreciation for the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its success in spotlighting several Congressional members by an undercover investigation called "ABSCAM."

I believe the FBI's record now stands tall again and no further investigation of its investigation would be a credit to the Congress. To the agency, I say, "Bravo," for producing results.

I would solicit your aid in giving the FBI sufficient funds not only to ferret out others in the Congress but also in the bureaucracies for the purpose of reducing waste of taxpayers money and deficit spending. I do not think the Reagan administration has done enough in this area.

Sincerely,

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Mr. William H. Webster, ^{mn}₂₄
ST Public Response RE: Abscam

Dear Sir,
With all the negative "flack" that is flying these days, concerning "Abscam" etc., as an American, I would like to tell you that I'm sure that 99% of our citizens back you 100%.

Most of us KNOW, if it weren't for you, the thieves would dismantle the White House and carry it off!

Please, keep up the good work.

Every body I have talked to, believe in what you are doing and trying to do.

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William Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Building
Washington, D. C.

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March 12, 1982

Senator Alphonse D'Amato
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

[REDACTED] New York [REDACTED]

Dear Senator:

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I am dismayed by news media reports of a resolution introduced in the Senate by Senators Cranston and Stevens calling for an investigation of the Justice Department and its tactics used in the "Abscam" investigation.

Self serving statements made by a public official convicted of violating the public trust by selling his influence, certainly is not sufficient reason for the Senate to consider placing restraints on law enforcement.

This action came out of the expulsion hearing and debate concerning former Senator Harrison Williams, who was also quoted as saying, "I didn't get a fair shake from the Ethics Committee".

Mr. Williams was convicted after a public trial before a jury of his peers, as guaranteed by the Constitution for all our citizens.

We, in this nation, have probably the most complex system of jurisprudence in the world in order to safeguard the rights of citizens accused of a crime. Further, we have a system of appealing convictions to ensure review by some of our best legal minds, which further ensures safeguarding of rights, especially in complex matters of law that a jury may not be able to comprehend.

Mr. Williams had his trial, his appeal of the conviction denied, and he is now attempting to use the Senate to avenge his hurt feelings and removal from office.

As a public official, I can appreciate a colleague, whose career and reputation has been ruined, warning, "This could happen to you".

However, I feel that I conduct myself, in my office, in a manner so that I am confident that I would never be convicted of a crime, for any of my official acts. Which is not to say that I don't make mistakes in judgement which could cause a law enforcement agency to look upon me with suspicion, and initiate an investigation.

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Senator Patrick Moynahan
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

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However, I feel that I conduct myself, in my office, in a manner so that I am confident that I would never be convicted of a crime, for any of my official acts. Which is not to say that I don't make mistakes in judgement which could cause a law enforcement agency to look upon me with suspicion, and initiate an investigation.

Harrison Williams' experience, however unfortunate for him personally, points out to all our citizens that no man is above the law, regardless of his high position. It also serves as a warning to present and future public officers, that they cannot act with impunity and line their pockets at the expense of the public. This will in turn help to restore confidence in our government and law enforcement.

Therefore, I strongly urge you to vote in opposition to any resolution for an investigation or legislation that will dilute or impede law enforcement, especially when based on the facts as is now before the Senate.

Very truly yours,



cc: William Webster, Director F.B.I.

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March 12, '82

COMM. SOURCE

Mr. William H Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W
Washington, D.C 20535

947 Dear Mr. Webster; *Blue Ridge, VA*

I am writing you as a private citizen to commend the F.B.I for the fine work they did in the Abscam case.

For the past week I have seen politicians and the news media take the Bureau to task for their work in the unfolding of corrupt politicians. And now they state that they are going to investigate the Bureau!

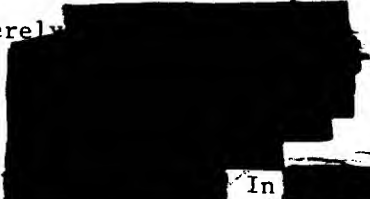

I believe in rights, but one wonders why these same people worry more about politicians rights other than we citizens.

If there was one event that made all of us proud of the Bureau it was the Abscam case. To us it proved that no one was above the law, there was justice.

After all honesty and integrity filter down from the top and if we can't trust our elected officials, we have faith in no one.

So take their fire as you can believe that all us out here are in your corner.

Sincerely,

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March 12, 1982

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William H. Webster
Director, FBI
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Sir:

I want to commend you and the Bureau for your superb work on the Abscam cases.

The Senate's decision to investigate your department is just one more disgraceful attempt by politicians to punish the whistle blower instead of the guilty.

Please be assured that I am 100 per cent in your corner.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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March 14, 1982

Dear Mr. Webster:

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It was a wonderful thing you did for the people of New Jersey to fix old Harrison Williams and remove him from his position of power in the Senate.

Without going into the reasons why I have always thought him to be dishonest, suffice it to say that I am sure the FBI had good cause to select him as one of the senators most ready to sell the influence of his office.

The operation was carried off with supreme skill. In spite of all the guff from the media, among my friends and acquaintances I have not heard one word of criticism against "Abscam". The results speak for themselves!

I shall always be grateful to the FBI for getting this crook out of office. 63-17561-362

With warm regards,

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Mr. William H. Webster
Director, FBI
U.S. Dept. of Justice
Hoover Building
Washington, DC

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March 11, 1982

Judge William H. Webster
Director of the F.B.I.
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Dept. of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Judge Webster,

Public Response Research

I would like to take this opprotunity to thank the F.B.I. for your excellent job of exposing some members of congress, who think they are a law unto themselves and need not serve with honor and integrity.

The F.B.I. Abscam operation is appreciated by those of us who love this country and do not want to see our governments' morals and integrity to degenerate to the level of some of our neighbors in South America.

Very truly,

CC: President Ronald Reagan
Senator Jake Garn
Representative James Hanson
Senator Orin Hatch
Senator Howell Heflin
Senator Harris A. Williams

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Public Response Re Abscam

12 March 1982

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Director William H. Webster
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Webster:

Being just an old taxpayer (nearing 80) and always being an admirer of the FBI and liking J. Edgar Hoover..way back. I want to praise and thank you for 'Abscam'. It brings back confidence in our government.

There is something that I should have brought to your attention before. I feel ashamed for not doing it..but unless I have 100% knowledge..I have sat back with some things you still might like to know.

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March 12, 1982

William Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth & Pennsylvania Avenues, NW
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Webster:

Public Response to Abram

I have written to the editors of numerous newspapers throughout our country expressing my disapproval of those senators who opposed the expulsion of Harrison Williams and actually supported him in the ABSCAM scandal. I also voiced my approval of the FBI in their methods and vociferously opposed those liberal senators who have seen fit to condemn the FBI in this matter. It is my opinion, and I am sure it is the same opinion of any other intelligent citizen, that those political leaders back there in Washington who were engaged in these bribes and attempted bribes, are as crooked as any common criminal we take off the streets and that any tactic adopted by the FBI to snare them was in the interests of any decent citizen in this nation.

Yours truly,

[Redacted Signature]

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Public Response Re Abscam 27 March '82.

Dear Mr. Young -

You can't trick an honest man, right? Abscam should never have worked at all!

I am strongly in favor of reducing a military build-up to strengthen the F.B.I. After all, with such a Congress, who's afraid of the Russians!

Keep up your good work.

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Sincerely

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Mar. 16th 1982

Sir - PUBLIC RESPONSE P.E. ALBSON

I called the local office to get your name and address to enable me to write.

Don't imagine you receive many letters saying anyone appreciates the work your dept. does. Have been so angry with Senator Cranston for his stand for Williams concerning the libsean affair. I hope you have now seams planned for who are watching them in high places. If someone doesn't have decency in their heart there would be nothing to be afraid of. I am so frustrated with our representations. They are like so many people who want no responsibility for their actions. About time they know in Washington that the people have someone who is looking out for them.

Don't take any guff from these Senators. We the people need someone to stand up for them and don't think there are too many people who were
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against Atscom. Keep up the good work.

I've written Cranston but don't expect him to change his spots. He is one of the reasons our country is in the mess it is now. Free and easy politicians.

Afraid we have too many communists in our government now. At one time we knew who to watch but now if it's against the people so much the better and our politicians are right out front.

Please keep at them. They are not responsible citizens and have proven it.

Sincerely

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March 15, 1982

Judge William Webster

Director FBI

J.E.H. Bld.

9th & Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20535

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Public Response Re Abscam

Dear Sir,

I have taken the liberty of sending you a copy of my letter to Senator Cranston protesting his accusation that the FBI may have acted improperly in the Abscam operation. As you can see I also sent a copy to our President.

I admire all of those involved with Abscam. Especially when you knew it may cause the Dept. problems later. Everyone I have talked to have the same feeling of admiration.

Our FBI is doing a great job and I hope you can reinstate the Abscam operation.

Sincerely Yours

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March 15, 1982

Hon. Alan Cranston
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Cranston,

I am very concerned about your defence of Sen. Harrison A. Williams. Your statement that he has not been convicted of a crime is an insult to the intelligence of the American taxpayers. He was vidio taped using both hands to stuff money into his pockets and as a result was found guilty of a felon in a court of law. When a politician sells his office to anyone for personal gain is a traitor to the people he represents.

The double standards of justice that is practiced by both the Senate and the House of Representatives is an insult to the American people. Examples are the cases of Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, Sen. Herman Talmadge, Sen. William Langer and those involved in Abscam and Korea-Gate. On the otherside of the coin, you all fought hard to convict anyone involved in Watergate. In my opinion Watergate was insignificant when compared to the crimes committed by Mr. Williams. and those above. He should not have been allowed to resign so he could continue to draw benefits from the Nation that he tried to cheat.

Your statement that the FBI may be guilty of misconduct is ludicrous. The agents involved in Abscam should be given a commendation, raise and possibly a promotion for their excellent work. Any investigation of the FBI for Abscam is merely an attempt to coerce the FBI from further attempts to catch and convict more crooked, money grabbing politicians. This country needs more Abscams- not less. I personally feel that a special department should be established in the FBI that would only attempt to bribe politicians at levels of government and when a bribe is accepted, prosecute to the full extent of the law.

In closing, I hope that when you run for public office again that the American people remember the defense you put up for a convicted felon when they go to the polls. I am glad to say that a vast majority of the American public feels as I do.

Sincerely

cc: The President of the United States
Director of the FBI
Senator S.I. Hayakawa

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